

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 1-13, 24-27, 29-32, 48 and 50.

In view of both the amendments presented above and the following discussion, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Ms. Janet M. Skafar, Esq. at message telephone number (650) 988-0655 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Claims 1-13, 24-27, 29-32, 39-45, 48, and 50 are pending in this application. Claims 7 and 39 are amended. Claims 14-23, 28, 33-38, 46, 47, 49 and 51 are canceled.

In response to the Examiner's objection that Claims 39-45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants have amended Claim 39 to include the recitations of Claim 34. Therefore Applicants believe that Claim 39 is in condition for allowance. Claims 40-45 depend from Claim 39. Therefore Applicants believe that Claims 40-45 are also in condition for allowance.

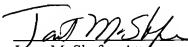
Claim 7 is amended to adjust the spacing for readability.

Conclusion

Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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